elected or, as the case may be, nominated to those seats should held office upto specified dates, should be evolved.

3. *Polling boothwise counting*:

The present systems of counting of votes booth-wise need not be changed.

4. *Election Expenses*:

There should be a statutory restriction on the election expenses of a candidate; the present ceiling is unrealistic. The Representation of the People Act, 1951, should be amended suitably.

5. *Model code of conduct*:

(a) Ambit of model code of conduct should be amplified to bring within its limit, even the use of personnel, vehicles, (including aircrafts) rest houses etc. of the public undertaking so as to prohibit their misuse at the time of election.

(b) All the transfers made six months before the date of normal expiry of the term of the Lok Sabha/State Legislative Assembly should be subject to the scrutiny of Election Commission.

6. *Election Commission*:

The existing system of single member Commission should be continued for smooth functioning and quick decisions.

7. *Observers*:

Continuance of the present system of appointing observers without any necessity for clothing them with statutory powers was favoured.

8. *Delimitation of constituencies*:

Article 82 and 170(3) of the Constitution may be so amended that while the total number of seats allotted to various States in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies may remain unaltered, delimitation of constituencies after every decennial census should be undertaken. Rotation of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes so that no constituency remained reserved for long was also favoured.

9. *Application of indelible ink at Council election*:

The election law should be suitably amended for introducing the procedure of applying indelible ink to elections for Council Constituencies.

10. *Countermanding of elections on account of death of any Independent candidate.*

It was decided that law be got amended so that the election may not be countermanded on the death of an independent candidate.

11. *Electronic Voting Machines*:

Electronic voting machines should be introduced all over the country as early as possible.

12. *Problem of non-serious candidates.*

Stringent action should be taken for discouraging such persons from entering the election fray.

Leakage of heavy water in MAPP at Kalpakkam

416. SHRI M VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the heavy water leak in MAPP at Kalpakkam had any radiation effects during the month of September, 1988;

(b) if so, what was the extent of area affected and the strength of radiation that was noticed; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what happened to the heavy water which leaked from its home, the insulating cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is a permanent drain provided from calandria vault to a leakage collection tank from where water is pumped into drums. Sealed drums are sent to the upgrading plant within the plant premises for purification. Heavy water is not thrown away but re-used.

States which utilized the funds allotted to them under five year plans

417. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have properly utilised the funds allotted to them under the last four Five Year Plans;

(b) the names of the States who have surrendered part of their allotted funds and the period of the Plan under which they surrendered: and

(c) whether Government are taking steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) A Statement indicating outlay/expenditure under the previous four Five-Year Plans of States is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 24). It would be seen from this Statement that expenditure during these plans has generally been either equal to or has exceeded the outlay, barring marginal shortfall in some cases.

(b) and (c) In the case of most of the States, plans are funded by supplementing their own resources with Central Assistance which is provided largely under the Gadgil formula based on incidence of population, backwardness, tax effort etc. Central Assistance is provided on the condition that the expenditure should not be less than the total approved outlay as also the outlays earmarked in specified sectors. Progress of expenditure against approved outlays is reviewed regularly and reasons for variation gone into during Annual Plan discussions with various States. States sometime propose modifications in outlays and the outlays may be modified on consideration of the justification offered. Adjustment in Central Assistance is made only if the finally approved outlays are not adhered to.

Appointment of grade 'A' and 'B' officers of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service

418. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service who have been appointed to Grade 'A' and 'B' of the service since 1970;

(b) the number of such officers who have already been appointed/considered for appointment on ad hoc basis or on regular basis in the newly created post of Private Secretary (Staff Officer) of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service in the pay scale of Rs. 3000—4500;

(c) the number of Private Secretaries are due for consideration for appointment to the Grade A of the Central Secretariat Service; and

(d) what are the reasons for continuing the appointment of C.S.S.S. officers in the Grade A of CSS despite the fact that adequate promotion avenues have been provided to them in their own cadre by creating posts of Private Secretaries (Staff Officers) in the scale of Rs. 3000—4500 which is equivalent to Grade A of CSS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The erstwhile Gr. 'A' & 'B' of CSSS (now merged into one Grade) are decentralised Grades controlled by the respective ministries and departments. The information regarding number of officers appointed since 1970 is not maintained centrally.

(b) Pending finalisation of Recruitment Rules for the new Grade of Private Secretary, ministries/departments have been